Price of Idochlorohydroxyquinoline

4068. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry did not accept the recommendations of the BICP on the price of Iodochlorohydroxyquinoline and reduced it base on its own findings if so, on what basis;

(b) whether it is a fact that the price is now proposed to be increased and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of other drugs the prices of which have either been increased or reduced based on their own findings during last three years and what was the earlier and revised price of each and the basis of change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The price of bulk drug Idochlorochydroxyquinoline was revised on July, 28, 1994 and there is no proposal to increase the same now. The prices are fixed/revised by the Government in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

Price Fixation Based on Cut-off Level

4069. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that instead of weighted average, the Ministry is indulging in price fixation based on the unit at 2/3rd cut off level;

(b) whether it is a fact that it was rejected in the past and if so, how and under what circumstances, BICP is not following the policy laid down by the Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that while recommending price, even the cost data of price exempt units have been taken into consideration and if so, whether such a course has the approval of the Ministry;

(d) whether it is a fact that BICP is running a parallel institute and policy; and

(e) what are the full facts and what action Government propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The maximum sale prices of indigenously manufactured scheduled bulk drugs are fixed in accordance with the provisions of Drug (Prices Control) Order 1987. A consistent approach is adopted to ensure availability of drugs at reasonable prices and reasonable returns to efficient manufacturers.

Production Codeine Phosphate

4070. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the production of Codeine Phosphate during the last three years, year-wise and at what price the drug is being sold;

(b) whether it is a fact that domestic and export production of this drug is worth more than Rupees five crores but still it is proposed to be kept outside price control;

(c) what are the reasons for treating this drug differently as compared to other Narcotics and what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether is is a fact that 95% of the turn over of Diphenhydramine formulations is by Benadryl Brand and the reasons for being kept outside price control; and

(e) whether it is a fact that only producer and formulator of Methdilazine is M/s. Glaxo and if so, the reason for keeping it out of price control?